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Title: POLYMERASE ENHANCING FACTOR (PEF) EXTRACTS, PEF
PROTEIN COMPLEXES, ISOLATED PEF PROTEIN AND METHODS
FOR PURIFYING AND IDENTIFYING

being a Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US98/05497,
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/US98/05497, filed March 20, 1998, which claimed priority of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/822,774, filed March 21, 1997 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/957,709, filed October 24, 1997.

1. Preliminary Amendment.
2. Application - 158 pages, including 18 independent claims, 106 claims total, 45 sheets of drawings, 27 sheets of Sequence Listing, 1 sheet of International Search Report.
3. A check for \$3,738.00 representing a \$760.00 filing fee, \$1,548.00 for extra claims fee, \$1,170.00 for independent claims fee and \$260.00 for multiple dependent claims fee.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for
filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due
and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this
application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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